Merchant & Gould

An Intellectual Property Law Firm

3200 IDS Center 80 South Eighth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2215 USA TEL 612.332,5300 Tex 612.332,9081 www.merchant-gould.com

A Professional Corporation

Fax Transmission

January 20, 2004

TO:

Commissioner for Patents

Attn: Examiner T. Strzelecka

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Anna M. Nelson

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 2 0 2004

OUR REF:

11123.15US01

TELEPHONE: 612,336,4701

OFFICIAL

Total pages, including cover letter: 15

PTO FAX NUMBER 1-703.972.9306

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.371.5394, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted:

Amendmend and Response

Applicant: Malak et al.

Applicant: Serial No.:

09/616,526

Filed:

July 14, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1637

Our Ref. No.:

11123.15US01

Confirmation No. 6296

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

Name: Anna M. Nelson

Reg. No.: 48,935

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Signature

January 20,2004

S/N 09/616,526

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENT

Applicant:

Malak et al.

Examiner:

T. Strzelecka

Serial No.:

09/616,526

Group Art Unit:

1637

JAN 2 0 2004

Filed:

July 14, 2000

Docket No.:

11123.15US01

Title:

PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NOVEL COLLAGEN-

BASED SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING AND

BIOMATERIALS OBTAINED

Customer No.

23552

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United State Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703.872.9309 on January. 20, 2094.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 6, 2003, and a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 29, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.